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For Telegraphic News see Fourth Page.

Legislative Proceedings.

The proceedings of the Legislature on the 3d inst. will be found on the third page.

The Great Fraud on the State.

Full particulars of the investigation by the Senate Finance Committee of the recently discovered fraud in the office of the Fund Commissioner, will be found on the second page.

Must Have an Office.

The Democracy in our Legislature are fussy fellows. On Saturday Mr. Detrich, of Randolph County, reported from the House Committee on Finance, a bill to appoint Wm. B. Fondey agent to pay the interest on the State debt, requiring him to keep an office in New York, and giving him a salary of *two thousand dollars per annum!* This, as Mr. Church, of McHenry, immediately declared, was a direct infraction of the Constitution in Section 19 of Article IV, which is as follows:

"Sec. 19. The Governor shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (a majority of the Senators concurring) appoint all officers whose offices are established by the Constitution, or may be created by law, and whose appointments are not otherwise provided for; and no *other officer shall be appointed or elected by the General Assembly.*"

These twelve brawlers for popular sovereignty fought their bill through a heated discussion, determined to appoint Mr. Fondey to an office which the people wouldn't give him, and which the Constitution prevents him from holding unless his commission comes first from Gov. Bissel. It was finally re committed to the Finance Committee, where if its authors know what is good for them, they will allow it an infinite repose.

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The parties suspected—some five or six in number—were promptly arrested and taken to Ottawa yesterday for examination. Our informant says that among the effects discovered in the house of those arrested, were papers implicating them in criminal offences, materials for making counterfeit money, and combustible materials for incendiary purposes.

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At Rockford, Freeport, Dubuque, Galena, Elgin and Prairie du Chien.

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H. L. SYKES, JR., Sup't.

Chicago, Dec. 20th, 1858.

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A sleek berth, with a passenger car attached to the Express train will leave at 1.30 o'clock, for Kankakee only.

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Chicago, Nov. 28, 1858.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION.—The new edifice just completed on Wabash Avenue by the Church of the Holy Communion, was dedicated to the service of Almighty God on Sunday morning last, by Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, Bishop of Wisconsin, assisted by Rev. Mr. Whipple, the Rector; Rev. Mr. Osborne, Missionary on the Illinois Central Railroad; Rev. Mr. Greene, of the Diocese of North Carolina, and Rev. Dr. Kelly. The services were those of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and were witnessed by a large and deeply interested congregation. An eloquent and impressive sermon, suited to the occasion, was delivered by Bishop Kemper.

This Church edifice, which was designed by O. L. Wheelock, and built of wood by Coey & Sullivan, is of the simple Gothic style, with an English turret mounted by a cross; the nave is 42 by 76 feet, the chancel 14 by 16, with the Vestry room on one side, and the Study on the opposite side. The windows are of stained glass, executed by Robert Carse of this city, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., and are specimens of work that do honor to his skill. The seats are in the form of slips, and extend from the centre to the wall aisles, finished with black walnut, in a comfortable and convenient style. On the window over the entrance door are those inscriptions: "Make not my Father's House an house of Merchandize."—"My house shall be called a House of Prayer for all people." On the panels each side of the chancel are the texts, in old English: "The Spirit and the Bride say come; and let him that heareth say come; and let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him come and drink of the Water of Life freely."—"Pure Religion and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: To visit the widows and fatherless in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." The chancel window has in the centre, a Dove—a Cross—*"Gloria in Excelsis"*—a Lamb. North side-light, Alpha—Trinity—Font—"One Baptism for Remission of Sins." South side-light, Omega—Cup and Paten—"This do in remembrance of me." Both of the windows are bordered by heads of wheat and grapes. The Church, as a whole, is one of the best designed and plenned we have ever entered, and as a work of art is an honor to its designer and builders.

The Church of the Holy Communion is a *Free Church*. It was designed as a free Church from its inception, and will forever remain a *Free Church*. Its Rector, Rev. H. B Whipple, is a gentleman combining the character of an eloquent preacher, and a devoted, earnest faithful Christian Pastor. He is an earnest and zealous advocate of free churches, and to his untiring efforts, seconded by a few firm and devoted friends, are the people of his charge indebted for the complete success of an undertaking the fruits of which were set before them on this occasion.

On the evening of the same day of the dedication, service was held in the Church. All the clergymen who were there in the morning were present in the evening, with the addition of Rev. Dr. Clarkson, of St. James; Rev. J. G. Gassman, of St. Anagarius; Rev. J. O. Barton, of the Church of the Atonement, and Rev. J. W. Clark, of Grace Church. There was a very large audience in attendance. The Rev. Mr. Whipple, the Rector, delivered a discourse on the occasion, in which he gave a clear and concise history of the Church of the Holy Communion, from its first inception to the present time. From that discourse we gather the following facts:

Less than two years ago, one of our city clergy met five laymen in a private parlor in this city, and formed a Free Church. They had not been long enough together to be weary, and two members of St. James' Church joined them in the organization. They were all young men, without means, and their work was a work of faith. One of that number, more particularly to which this Free Church owes its origin, had long felt, from the peculiar character of our population, and the rapid growth of our city, that such a Church was needed, and that it was the true Gospel plan; and so he went to work. The present Rector was called to fill that office. It was a sore trial to him to leave a well-ordered Parish, with its loving hearts, and come to this field. But he yielded to what he considered a duty, and came. He commenced his duties. The little flock never seemed so small, as on that first Sunday when they gathered in Metropolitan Hall. They had hardly commenced when the financial troubles came. Warmest friends were crippled and many left the city, and this time the Parish of St. James kindly offered them the use of their old Church and it was accepted. After occupying it one week, it was burned. One year ago this very day and they were without a place of worship—a houseless flock.

The building of a church in times like these was a work to try his faith, and yet the first brother he approached, gave him such "God speed" that his trust in the Church would be built, and every gift had been bestowed so kindly, and often with such loving words, that it made him remember our Master's saying, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Two gentlemen gave five hundred dollars each, and they selected the sentences inscribed upon the walls. A friend generously gave a lot in another part of the city, to be used as the vestry may direct. One gave two thousand dollars; twenty gave one hundred dollars, each; thirteen gave fifty dollars each; fourteen gave twenty-five dollars each; five gave twenty dollars each; one gave fifteen dollars, and four gave ten dollars each. The lettering of the panels was the gift of the minister who presided at the organization of the Parish. The Bishop's chair and altar were the gift of one who gave two hundred dollars to the Church. The chancel windows were a thanksgiving offering from another of the vestry, who also gave one hundred and fifty dollars. The service books for the chancel were the offering of a lady, who has proved herself a generous friend. The communion service and the communion linen were each gifts of ladies.

The Church has all been paid for.

Hence, with the windows and the fixtures.....$4,200

The lot for the Vestry.....200

The building for the rear of the Church.....750

Paid for a parsonage at a cost of.....600

The Church Furniture, Organ, &c., will cost.....300

The present number of communicants is 90.

The Altar of the Congregation have been for missionary purposes, $170; for the Church's poor, $475; and for Parish purposes, $3,883.81 making in all with the gifts from others to help build the Church, $9,883.81.

This was pledged to be a Free Church by those who founded it, and that pledge has been repeated by every gift towards building it.

After the conclusion of Mr. Whipple's discourse, Rev. Dr. Clarkson made some well timed and judicious remarks and the congregation were dismissed.

EXCELSIOR SOCIETY FESTIVAL.—This is the evening appointed for the grand festival of the Excelsior Society at the Richmond House. The dinner will commence precisely at 4 o'clock, to be closed with speeches, sentiments, &c. The well known skill of the hosts of the Richmond in this peculiar feature of the entertainment is appreciated by all. In the evening will take place the ball and banquet. Of course every son of York will consider it a duty as well as a pleasure, to join in these festivities. We recommend all of our friends to obtain their tickets early to-day, as the number is limited, and they may be disappointed.

☞ Messrs. Bryant, Bell & Stratton have received an invitation from the General Committee, to join in the procession on the 22d inst., with the graduates and students of Bells' Commercial College, and of Bryant & Stratton's Mercantile College. This is an honor well merited. The students and graduates will meet at the college rooms in Larmon Block this evening, to make suitable arrangements for participating in the celebration, and also for their Festival on the 17th inst. The occasion of the meeting is worthy of a large attendance.

THE JOURNEYS CASE IN PRESS.—McNally & Co. have in press, and will shortly issue in handsome pamphlet form, the Jumpertz trial, just concluded in this city. The work embraces an accurate report of the evidence, arguments of counsel, and decision of the court in points of law, the whole comprising an accurate history of the case. The work will be carefully prepared by a member of the Chicago bar.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH.—There will be preaching at this church (corner of Dearborn and Ontario streets), on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, to commence at 7½ o'clock. All are invited to attend. During the past week there has been a very interesting series of meetings in that church, and we understand considerable religious interest awakened.

RECORDER'S COURT.—The February term of the Recorder's Court commenced its session yesterday morning. The room has been refitted and renovated since the last term—the old seats taken out and replaced by new ones—and for convenience and elegance, is second to none other in this city or country. The following are the persons drawn for jurors:

GRAND JURY.

Edward Foster, John Devitt, Redmond Prindeville, G. D. Dickenson, Patrick McNulty, Jas. Southard, W. H. Bolton, John A. Barney, Henry A. Honore, C. J. Wilder, G. J. Chapin, Thos. Clark, P. H. Hyde, A. H. Reed, G. Boman, S. R. Ball, James Parker, B. F. Haldeman, W. W. Solstontall, Wm. Wayman, Joshua Leonard, Wm. H. Sampson, Reuben Taylor.

PETIT JURY.

Franklin Hathaway, A. C. Hesnig, C. Olsson, A. Bauer, John Cross, Caspar Butz, Charles F. Deane, T. Wadsworth, J. Lawson, George A. Sackett, Caspar Feifer, S. B. Haggard, L. J. McCormick, Edwin Ballard, D. A. Gage, Benj. Ackley, D. L. Jacobs, Julius Kershoff, Ira Y. Munn, R. D. Darling, A. Wilbeck, Julius C. Fisher, Amos Benedict, Henry Giles.

There had been committed for trial, since the close of the last term, forty-eight persons for the following offenses: 26 for larceny; 2 for assault with deadly weapon; 1 for stabbing; 1 for forgery; 2 for burglary; 2 for obtaining money under false pretences; 1 for keeping a house of ill-fame; 1 for passing counterfeit money.

The Court met at ten o'clock yesterday morning, and the grand jury was called. His Honor made a brief charge to them to the following effect:

You will do your business with dispatch. You will find that in all bodies called upon to act in concert, one man should preside as much as the Court should preside over the business of this court.

On all cases where you see any object to be attained by the complaining witnesses, either by way of money or reputation, over and beyond the administration of justice, you should examine the case carefully.

Do not occupy too much time with small cases to the detriment of larger ones.

You are to take up no cases except where parties have been arrested and have had a preliminary examination. Those lying in jail should receive your first attention.

The petit juror were then impanelled and the Court took up the civil cases.

ELGIN MILK.—The Elgin *Gazette* says that the total amount of milk sent from that town to Chicago, during the past year, was 227,067 gallons, which, at the average price of nine cents a gallon, gives the sum of $20,436.23. There being about twenty dairymen in that town engaged in this business, this sum gives them about $1,000 each. This sum, says the *Gazette*, if promptly paid, would keep Elgin and the neighborhood in pocket money. But the receivers of milk in Chicago are not prompt payers, and some of the above amount is not, and probably never will be, paid. Elgin milk, when it leaves the depot there, is always pure, but it sometimes gets mixed with swill milk, after it reaches this city, and is sold from wagons marked Elgin. There are men in Chicago who get their business pure and wholesome milk; from the Fox River Valley, and among the number we feel quite sure is Mr. I. H. Wagner, at the corner Des Plaines and Van Buren streets.

DILLINGHAM ARRESTED.—D. D. Dillingham, the senior partner of the firm of Dillingham, Howe & Co., of whom L. G. Hine, who was arrested in this city on Friday last, was the chief operator, was arrested at Bloomington on Saturday, and brought to this city by one of Capt. Bradley's detectives on Sunday. Dillingham, when arrested, was at work in a grist mill, dressing stones. He had circulated a large number of cards, circulars &c., of the firm of this county without distinction of party, that he (Dillingham) was a candidate for the State Senate from the Bloomington District. It should be made. That the defendant in this case was a candidate for the Senate is none here. That justice is almost denied to the people, that the Circuit Court is the scene of bribery and all of them strained every nerve, and at all times resorted to the most unfair means to obtain their ends, is a fact that is but too well known to the people of this county.

That the details into which the Committee has gone, has developed a state of facts that must shock every lover of right and justice, and must convince everybody to every mind that no two men can dispose of the same matter before the Courts in those grounds and show the imperative necessity of granting relief in some form.

That your petitioners are advised that under our present constitution, the Judges of the Circuit Courts, as well Judges to the County cannot be increased, and that this can be done only by the Legislature, and that the Judges in the Common Pleas Court.

And the petitioners, as suitors as officers of the State to whom by profession and by law the administration of justice is entrusted, are deeply interested in the matter, and therefore are fully aware of the pressing need of the additional Judges, and are willing to bear their just and reasonable proportion of all law-abiding citizens.

We, therefore, in the premises, earnestly pray your honorable body to pass some law that will furnish the Circuit Court of Cook County with three Judges for this County and in the future be more speedy and prompt than it now is, and your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Feb. 7, 1859.

On motion, Messrs. W. T. Burgess, R. S. Blackwell, Sidney Smith, R. T. Merrick, and Isaac N. Arnold, were appointed the committee to present the proceedings of this meeting, according to the resolution.

On motion, H. G. Miller, Esq., was added to the committee.

On motion, the members of the Bar were requested to sign said petition; whereupon over eighty members then present signed the same.

Judge Morrill and merried that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the daily papers of the City of Chicago.

Attest, WALTER B. SCATES, President.

E. W. McCOMAS, } Secretaries.
JAMES P. ROOT, }

We understand nearly one hundred and fifty signatures were appended to the petition, and that the same were obtained within one hour after the adjournment of the meeting.

CELEBRATION OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.—The Executive Committee met at their head quarters at the Tremont House, on Saturday evening, and partially concluded upon a programme for the celebration on the 22d, as follows:

1st. That the day should be welcomed in by the firing of a Federal Salute, and the ringing of the bells of the city for thirty minutes, at sunrise.

2d. A grand military and civic procession to move at 10 o'clock A. M.

3d. The firing a National Salute at sundown.

4th. An Oratorical and National Concert, at Metropolitan Hall.

5th. A Grand Banquet, at the Tremont House.

6th. A Grand Ball, at the Richmond House.

7th. A Matinee, or day performance, at McVicker's Theatre.

8th. An evening performance at North's Amphitheatre.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the various organizations take rank in their appropriate divisions of the procession according to their date of institution.

Resolved, That D. W. Bose, C. N. Holden, and W. W. Danenhower be appointed a special committee, with power to call upon the railroad companies, in regard to issuing excursion tickets.

Resolved, That the Federal, State, County, Town and City Officers, Judges and officers of the several Courts, members of the Bar, the Reverend Clergy, and the Medical Profession be respectfully invited to join in the procession.

Resolved, That the heads of the various organizations or bodies, that intend uniting in the celebration, be requested to report to the Secretary, by Thursday evening next (if possible,) their probable numbers and date of organization, to enable the committee to complete the programme.

Adjourned to meet as above, on Tuesday evening, 8th inst.

JOHN C. HAINES, Chairman.

W. W. DANENHOWER, Secretary.

EXCELSIOR SOCIETY.—The Sons of New York hold their Tenth Anniversary this afternoon and evening, at the Richmond House.

The Mynheers of Amsterdam and Holland hold a grand Banquet this afternoon, of the Richmond House, at 4 o'clock precisely.

Peter the Headstrong and Wouter Van Twiller will be at the Banquet at the Richmond House, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Spyten Deuyvel will be at the Banquet of the Excelsior Society, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Dutch Burghers will be at the Excelsior Banquet, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

All of the Mohawk Dutchmen will be at the Excelsior Society's Banquet, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rip Van Winkle will be at the Excelsior Banquet, at the Richmond House, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Diedrich Knickerbocker will be at the Excelsior Banquet, at the Richmond House, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Ichabod Crane and Katrina Van Tassel will be at the Banquet and Soiree of the Excelsior Society, this afternoon and evening.

SCHREIBERSEE.—Captain Dennis, of Pinkerton's Police, on Saturday evening arrested Andrew Johnson, and delivered him into the hands of Sheriff Grey. Johnson, it will be remembered, was one of the parties indicted in June last, for swindling a Vermonter out of a valuable Morgan horse. He was tried before the Recorder, and fined $100, with the addition of six months in the Bridewell. He took an appeal to the Supreme Court, and gave bail in the sum of $700, Moses D. Cross becoming his security. Mr. Cross fearing that Johnson might give him the slip, employed officer Dennis to arrest him, which was done, as stated.

POLICE MATTERS.

The following were the arrests for the last forty-eight hours:

Rudy Warful, stealing wood. She was discharged by order of the Mayor.

Dennis O'Shaughnessy, drunk and abusing his family. It was proved by an officer that Dennis, when he approached his presence, was in the act of whipping his wife with his waist strap, the buckle end. Dismissed that he had a right to beat her. This was denied by Justice Stickney, and this denial was followed by the imposition of a fine of $15. Dennis went to the Bridewell.

Patriot McKay, beating his wife. Patrick represented himself as the brother of Ex-Alderman McKay, and that he had resided in this city sixteen years, and always behaved himself as a decent and respectable gentleman. As Patrick's wife did not appear against him, he was let off by paying costs.

William Conley, drunk and abusing his family. His wife testified to the abuse. Conley was a short time since a very respectable man and with considerable money, but evil companions and bad whisky have made a brute of him, and consumed his property. He promised to quit his evil habits, and sign the temperance pledge. Justice Stickney let him off by paying the costs of the prosecution.

Daniel A. Adams, "six feet and well proportioned," was brought before the Court for smashing in a door at the stable of Mr. Wheeler, on the West Side. Fined $5.

Daniel Bates, ("English Dan,") hackman, was brought up for driving in the night time without a light. This offence cost him $5 and the costs of Court.

James Lamb, drunk and disorderly, $10; James McLaughlin, do, $3; James Redmond, do, $5; Thomas Clifford, do, $3; Wm. Campbell, do, discharged by the Mayor; Michael McCarty, simple drunk, $3.

Henry Hess, who a few years since was a musician of excellent capacity, was brought up as a vagrant, with the delirium tremens staring him in the face. He desired to be sent to the poor house, but as the Justice had no authority to send him there, he was committed to the Bridewell, for sixty days.

☞ The Young Men's Christian Association had a pleasant and interesting re-union at their rooms on Randolph street last evening. This Association is doing a good work in our city, and they deserve well of our citizens.

LOCAL MATTERS.

☞ 2,000 copies of Pease & Coles' Guide to the Gold Districts have already been sold, before the most reliable work has yet published. Price 25 cents, and for sale by all booksellers.

ILLINOIS ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Ill. St. Andrew's Society will be held on Thursday next, the 10th, at the Highland Guard Armory. A full attendance is requested.

Scotchmen, sons and grand-sons of Scotchmen, desirous of becoming members of the Society are respectfully invited.

ANDREW HARVIE, Pres't.

P. STEWART, Sec.

HOUSE OF THE FRIENDLESS.—The benevolent ladies interested in the House of the Friendless, announce that a meeting will be held at the Home Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements for having a tea party to contribute to the funds of that Institution. All who are interested in this object are invited to attend. A full meeting of the Board at that time will also be desirable. feb8-2t

DISSOLUTION.—The co-partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers under the firm of Pappen Brothers, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 25th ultimo.

John M. Tappen will continue the clothing business at Rockford, Ill. for his own account, and H. H. Tappen will highding & Co. at the old late firm, being authorized to use the name of the late firm for that purpose.

H. H. TAPPEN,
J. M. TAPPEN.

Chicago, Feb. 5, 1859.

CARD.—Finding it impossible to sell out the stock and business of the late firm of Tappen Brothers, without making sacr

PRESS AND TRIBUNE.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 8, 1859.

Cost of Buying Cuba.

If Cuba never acquired by purchase, which is hardly probable, it is generally admitted that two hundred millions of dollars is the least sum Spain will take for the Island. Nobody places the figures below one hundred and fifty millions, and many well-informed statesmen place it as high as three hundred millions of dollars. But on the supposition that Spain would sell the Gem of the Antilles at any price—call it two hundred millions. How many people would there be of the vast magnitude of this sum of money? Let us make some figures. The present white population of the United States is estimated at twenty-four millions—[it is not Democratic to count the four and a half millions of colored individuals as people.] Illinois contains about a million and a half of "whites," or one-sixteenth part of the whole white population of the United States. One-sixteenth of two hundred millions of dollars is *twelve and a half millions*, which would be this State's share of the Cuba purchase, and which the people of this State would be obliged to pay, besides an annual interest thereon of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars!

The population of Chicago is a little more than one-twelfth part of this State. The share of the purchase money that would fall to the people of this city to pay, would exceed one million one hundred thousand dollars. The portion of the purchase money that Illinois would have to shoulder, would be enough to pay off the whole State debt, and if Cuba should be bought the effect would be to *double* the present debt of the State.

A smaller sum than this would dig a ship canal from Lake Michigan into the Illinois River, emptying a flood of water from the Lake into that stream, rendering it always navigable, and bringing the steamers that plow the Mississippi, the Ohio and the Missouri into the harbor of Chicago, making her another New York, and Illinois the Empire State not only of the West, but perhaps of the Union. Which would be best for Illinois—to unite the Mississippi and the Lakes, and turn the commerce of those two mighty thoroughfares through the heart of our State; or, to acquire Cuba by purchase and add two inveterate Spanish Slave States to the present domineering, slave-breeding interest, and thus amalgamate a half-civilized, mongrel, Papal population with our Anglo-Saxon confederacy?

The Vote on the Homestead Bill.

The vote by which the Homestead bill passed the House of Representatives discloses the fact which we had predicted, that the South would be found a unit against the laboring men of the country, on this beneficent measure, as upon all others which look to the elevation of "Mud-Sills." The vote was as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Adrain, Andrews, Barr, Billinghurst, Bliss, Burch, Burlingame, Case, Chamberlain, Clark, Colfax, Comins, Conkling, Cook, Cox, Cragin, James Craig, Curtis, Davis of Indiana, Davis of Massachusetts, Dawes, Dodd, Durfee, Edie, Edwards, Fenton, Foley, Gilmer, Gooch, Goodwin, Granger, Grow, Hall, Harlan, Horton, Howard, Hughes, Hutchins, Ingersoll, Jackson, Jenkins, Kellogg of Michigan, Kellogg of Illinois, Kilgore, Knapp, Knight, Knowlton, Lamar, Leach, Leiter, Lovejoy, Low, Maclay, Marshall of Illinois, Marston, Morrill, Edward Joy Morris, Isaac N. Morris, Peyton, Pike, Potter, Pottle, Purviance, Reagan, Reilly, Ricaud, Ritchie, Robbins, Roberts, Robinson, Royce, Sandidge, Scranton, Shaw, Shorter, Robert Smith, William Smith, Spaulding, Stanton, Tappan, Thayer, Thomas, Tompkins, Underwood, Vallandigham, Wade, Wakeman, Walbridge, Waldron, Ward, Cadwalader C. Washburn, Elihu B. Washburne, Wilson, Woodruff, Augustus R. Wright, Isaac N. Wright, Wood, Yeaman, and Zollicoffer—113.

NAYS—Messrs. Aiken, Anderson, Atkins, Avery, Barksdale, Bocock, Boyce, Branch, Bryan, Burnett, Caskie, Chapman, Clay, Clemens, Cobb of Alabama, Cobb of Georgia, Cockerill, Cox, Craige of North Carolina, Crawford, Curry, Davis of Maryland, Dowdell, Edmundson, English, Faulkner, Florence, Garnett, Gartrell, Gilmer, Gilmore, Goode, Greenwood, Gregg, Groesbeck, Hall, Hatch, Hill, Hook, Houston, Hunton, Jackson, Jenkins, Jewett, Jones, Kelsey, Kenyon, Kunkel, Lamb, Letcher, Logan, Mallory, Maynard, Miles, Moore, Isocrates, Morehead, Samuel A. Morris, Niblack, Nichols, Parker, Phelps, Phillips, Pickens, Powell, Quitman, Ready, Reagan, Ruffin, Russell, Sandidge, Savage, Scales, Seward, Aaron Shaw, Shower, Singleton, Stallworth, Stephens, Stevenson, Talbot, Trippe, Underwood, Wallace, Walton, Watkins, Watson, Whiteley, Whitfield, Williamson, Winslow, Wortendyke—78.

NOT VOTING—Messrs. Ahl, Bennett, Bishop, Blair, Bonham, Brooks, Bryan, Burch, Burnett, Campbell, Caruthers, Chastain, Clark, Cobb, Burton Craige, Curry, Davis of Maryland, Dowdell, Edmundson, English, Faulkner, Garnett, Gartrell, Gilmer, Gilmore, Goode, Greenwood, Gregg, Groesbeck, Hall, Hatch, Hill, Hook, Houston, Hunton, Jackson, Jenkins, Jewett, Jones, Kelsey, Kenyon, Kunkel, Lamb, Letcher, Logan, Mallory, Maynard, Miles, Moore, Isocrates, Morehead, Samuel A. Morris, Niblack, Nichols, Parker, Phelps, Phillips, Pickens, Powell, Quitman, Ready, Reagan, Ruffin, Russell, Sandidge, Savage, Scales, Seward, Aaron Shaw, Shower, Singleton, Stallworth, Stephens, Stevenson, Talbot, Trippe, Underwood, Wallace, Walton, Watkins, Watson, Whiteley, Whitfield, Williamson, Winslow, Wortendyke, Augustus R. Wright, Isaac N. Wright, Wood, Yeaman, and Zollicoffer—78.

[Republicans in italics—Democrats and South Americans in roman. *For the bill*—Republicans, 68; Democrats, 58; against the bill—Republicans, 1; Democrats, 45; South Americans, 32.]

The sectional feature of the vote, however, is shown in the following:

For the Bill—Members from Slave States, 8; Members from Free States, 113.
Against the Bill—Members from Slave States, 99; Members from Free States, 1.

The free States members who voted against those "mud-sill" constituents of theirs, were Messrs. Shaw and Marshall of Illinois, English, Hughes and Niblack of Indiana, and Leidy of Pennsylvania. Mr. Nichols of Ohio voted in the negative to move a reconsideration in case the majority should be found on that side. Thus is it shown again and put beyond the power of denial that the nation divides squarely on Mason and Dixon's line, on the question of granting free homes to the industrious pioneer as the wages of his bearing the arts of civilization to the uninhabited acres of the West. Thus it is forced upon the comprehension of the dullest, and thrust under the nose of the most bigoted devotee at the shrine of "Democracy," that there is nothing in common between the slave-whipper and the tiller of the soil, be he black, copper-hued or Saxon white. It is not the color, but the condition, that the blow is aimed at.

We are not so sanguine as to suppose this benign measure will safely run the gauntlet of the Senate. Very likely it will be strangled in committee and never come to a direct vote in that fastness of slavery. If so wonderful a thing should happen, the jaws of a Pro-Slavery cabinet are ready to crunch it on the instant. Its provisions are too well calculated to fill up and expand the empire of freedom and civilization, hence to the Pacific—too carefully drawn for the protection of honest toil—to pass those fiery ordeals. It grants to any person who is the head of a family, (male or female), or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years and is a citizen of the United States, or has filed intentions to become such, any quarter section of vacant and unappropriated public land which may under existing laws be subject to entry at $1.25 per acre, free of all expense except the usual land office fees for registration and the sum of ten dollars to be paid for the final patent. The conditions are simply occupation and cultivation for the term of five years, by the original occupant, or in case of his or her death, by the heir or heirs, subject to the laws of the State in respect to administration and guardianship. Furthermore, the land thus acquired, is exempt from all liability for debts contracted prior to the issuing of the patent, and cannot be alienated except by voluntary discretion. No person is allowed to make more than one entry under the provisions of the act.

These are the provisions of the bill in brief. No one can fail to see the injustice it must give, if it becomes a law, to the growth and prosperity, not of the West merely, but of the whole country. No one need be so poor or so friendless that he cannot cast the anchor of his hope on the great public domain, with the assurance that there is something which he can call his own, something which kings cannot set foot upon without his leave. This guarantee of the foundation of an honest independence, in whatever extremity, is worth to the American people a hundred Cubas. Even in the personal self-respect which it plants in the breast of every toiling citizen, however impoverished or swamped in debt, it has an incalculable national value. But we are not our own masters in these regards; we have been bought with a price.

The Visit of Mr. Spurgeon to the United States.

The New York correspondent of the Boston *Journal* explains the story that Rev. Mr. Spurgeon has been offered ten thousand dollars to visit this country. The true state of the case is this: Rev. Mr. Corry, of the Eighteenth street Baptist Church, is now in Europe. It was known before he left, that it was his intention to induce Mr. Spurgeon to exchange pulpits with him, if not at least to visit New York and preach in the Academy of Music, and allow Mr. Corry to fill his place. How many persons are concerned in the movement is not known.

Indiana Liquor Law.

A "Liquor Law" has passed the Indiana House, fixing licenses at from $50 to $500, at the discretion of the County Commissioners; ensuring a fine not less than $5 nor more than $50 for every instance of selling without license; prohibiting selling on the Sabbath, or on any State, county, town, township or municipal election day, where the same may be held; prohibiting the selling in persons in the habit of being intoxicated, or to minors, under heavy penalties, with other stringent features.

THE GREAT FRAUD AT SPRINGFIELD.

Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Senate.

ASTOUNDING REVELATIONS!

235,000 DOLLARS GONE!

NEW DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED

The readers of the PRESS AND TRIBUNE are familiar with the facts which we have heretofore published in relation to the great fraud on the Fund Commissioner's office, whereby over $200,000 in bonds, each and certificates were wrongfully obtained from the State. They will remember that in 1839, during the progress of work on the Illinois and Michigan Canal, the Canal Commissioners negotiated a loan of $1,000,000 with the United States Bank; that for some reason the instalments for May of that year were not paid; that the Commissioners to meet the emergency issued $267,000 in checks on the Branch of the State Bank at Chicago; that these and a subsequent issue of $120,000 in August of that year were redeemed; that in 1846 there was outstanding an amount equal to $316. They will also remember that under the act of 1847, holders of canal or other State indebtedness were permitted to fund it and receive therefor interest-paying bonds; that, on the 9th of January, 1857, Gov. Matteson, then in office, presented to his clerk $6,000 of these checks of 1839, and that bonds were issued therefor in the name of Caleb Johnson; that a few days after—to the 27th of February of the same year, being the last day of office, presented to the same clerk, packages of these same checks, containing in all $47,000, and that bonds were issued for them also; that shortly before the 18th of March of the same year, '57, Gov. Matteson presented $31,500 in checks, and that for these, bonds were issued as before; that these facts were made public by the discovery of these checks in the Auditor's office by Gen. Fry, an old Commissioner, who supposed them to be counterfeit. With these things, not disputed by any, the public have for days been familiar.

The examinations which have been entered into by the Senate Committee, to which the matter was referred, open a new chapter in this history. It now appears by the evidence of W. H. Brown and Ezra L. Sherman, Esqs., one the Cashier and the other the Teller of the Chicago Branch Bank, that the checks are genuine—that there is not a counterfeit in the lot; and that when received by the Bank, they were counted as cash and *not cancelled*; that many of them by endorsements on the back made by correspondents in St. Louis, Cincinnati, Alton and Michigan City, directly to Cashier Brown, are recognized as having gone through the Bank and having been onto paid. It appears further that other payments they were handed over to the Treasurer or some officer of the Canal Board. Now what became of them, and how and by what and whose agency were they abstracted and onto more put into circulation? Gov. Matteson, we learn, says that he bought them, by himself and agents, of various parties names not mentioned; and it is admitted by all that they must have been by somebody surreptitiously and fraudulently obtained. This is likely from the evidence Michael Kehoe, well known to all the old residents of this city, as the porter for many years, in the Canal office on Lake street. He swears, we learn, that when J. McRoberts, of Joliet, took possession of the Canal office as Trustee, he found in the safe and in a couple of boxes a very large amount of redeemed evidences of canal indebtedness—scrip of various kinds and notes, checks, cancelled bonds, &c. These, McRoberts and Kehoe packed into a large carpeting trunk and in a pine shoe-box, both of which were fastened up and sealed with wax and the office seal. Kehoe himself took them to the depot of the Rock Island Railroad, saw the direction, "Hon. J. A. Matteson, Springfield," on each, and saw them put into the baggage car, McRoberts being a passenger on the train and having them in charge. We learn further, in confirmation of this testimony, that search was made on Friday last in the basement rooms of the State House, and that the trunk of which he speaks was found the sea is unbroken; but that the shoe box has thus far eluded search. Kehoe does not know what kinds of indebtedness were thus sent, or whether there were any of these "90 day checks" in the boxes or not.

The above with the testimony of Enoch Moore, the Fund Commissioner's clerk, is a summary of the facts thus far developed. Mr. Moore has been in the office since 1840, and has issued every bond which the State has put in circulation since that time. He, we understand, swears that on account of these check, he has issued the following bonds:

February 9,	1857, to Caleb Johnson	$6,000
February 27,	1857, to C. King col.	11,000
"	" Harvey Willard	6,000
"	" Darius Wood	1,000
"	" Ebenezer Peck	1,000
"	" Asa Sweetwood	5,000
"	" H. A. Gorham	5,000
March 18,	1857, to Caleb Johnson	6,000
"	" H. E. Jamison	13,000
"	" Jos. W. Welch	5,000
"	" Caleb Johnson	5,000
"	" Preston Mattick	6,000

Mr. Moore swears that all of these bonds were presented to him by Gov. Matteson; that the bonds were made payable to the names above written by Matteson's direction; and that the bonds were delivered to Matteson. Further, that Matteson is in the habit of finding large amounts of indebtedness about the genuineness of which there is no doubt.

Our information touching the progress of the examination closes here; but we shall endeavor to keep our readers posted up in the facts as they are developed. The magnitude of the swindle—involving over $200,000, principal and interest—the high position occupied by Gov. Matteson, and the intense anxiety of his friends, in which we participate, for his exculpation, make the affair one of much more than ordinary interest; and its full examination cannot be prevented. It must be admitted that the Governor's position is a critical one. That he will be able to show that he came by the checks honestly by purchase; that he will be able to produce the unknown and mysterious persons to whom, "or bearer," the bonds were issued, and that he will be able to show reason why his own name was not used, we do most devoutly hope. The bonds are now in the hands of the Treasurer as security for the issues of this State Bank of Illinois at Shawneetown—an institution understood to be the Governor's property.

It will be gratifying to the friends of Gov. Bissell to know that he is wholly without blame in this matter. Mr. Moore swears pointedly and explicitly that the Governor knew nothing of the affair whatever; that he (Moore) did the business as in his habit upon his own responsibility; that Gov. Bissell did not see these checks; that he was not consulted about the bonds before or after they were made.

Thus the matter stands. We await the next chapter with anxiety, believing that Gov. Matteson will be able to relieve himself of the fearful responsibility which rests upon him, and place the whole matter in a new and more favorable light.

Since the above was written we have later advices from Springfield, which we condense as follows:

On Saturday afternoon, the Finance committee met again in the Auditor's office. Ex-Governor Matteson was present, and was aided by counsel, Hon. John T. Stuart, B. S. Edwards, and Hon. David Stuart, the latter of this city. At the first meeting of the Committee, Hon. Abraham Lincoln and Stephen T. Logan, Esq., appeared for the Governor; but since then seem to have no connection with the case. Gov. Bissell, and the Auditor, on the part of the State, employed Jackson Grimshaw, Esq, of the firm of Williams & Grimshaw, of Quincy, Hon. O. H. Browning of Quincy also, and Lieut. Gov. Koerner of Belleville. All these, besides the counsel named a few spectators, were present. The examination was continued to a late hour in the evening; and though but little that was new was elicited, a few important facts were brought to light. We condense the testimony, which, reported by the faithful and capable short-hand writer, Hirr, late of the PRESS AND TRIBUNE, will be printed with the committee's report, whenever that is made.

Joel Manning, Secretary of the Canal Board, being duly organized, came down to the appointment of the Trustees, and now Auditor of Canal Accounts, was first examined. He produced the register of all the certificates of canal indebtedness, which the fact of all the original issues of the latter were paid (minus $216) as early as 1844, was established. The small checks—all denominations below $50—were cancelled by the bank when paid; all over $50 were preserved by the bank entire. He remembers that the checks were sent by the Bank to the Canal Office, and at Lockport, and that they were afterwards packed in two boxes and two packages, sealed labelled, and sent back to the Bank for safe keeping. These are the boxes and packages carried by Kehoe to the Canal office on Lake street, by order of J. McRoberts.

Gen. Jacob Fry, Canal Commissioner down to 1843, and afterwards Trustee for two years, corroborated the words of Manning in regard to the amount of checks in circulation, their payment and the cancellation of the smaller ones. He showed a receipt from Col. Oakley, his successor, acknowledging the possession of those boxes and packages then in the bank, together with old papers, furniture and property belonging to the State.

Enoch Moore, Clerk in the Fund Commissioner's Office, was recalled. He re-affirmed his statement in relation to the delivery of the checks to him by Gov. Matteson, and the delivery of the bonds to Matteson after their issue; he persisted that Gov. Bissell knew nothing of the affair. He did not pretend to be acquainted with canal indebtedness; but when these bonds were issued, relied upon Gov. Matteson's knowledge of canal affairs. Matteson directed him in Jan., '57, and furnished the names then and subsequently of the parties to whom the bonds were made out. Matteson received all these bonds himself. In relation to the trunk in which the scrip and checks were packed by McRoberts and Kehoe at Chicago, he said they to remembered that a trunk like the one in question stood for a long time in the Executive office. He had been informed that it contained books belonging to Gov. Matteson's son; but it was sealed with wax and tape fit the trunk produced in the committee room.

Hon. John McClernand said that he was Commissioner and Treasurer when these checks were issued in 1839; they were all made payable to his order, and were by him endorsed. His signature shown him was genuine.

THOMAS CONNOR, State House porter during Matteson's administration, knew nothing of the receipt of the trunk and box by express. Some time after Matteson came in, the Governor's office was re-furnished; at that time certain boxes were taken from the office to the basement where the trunk was found. He did not recognize the trunk before him.

L. P. SANGER, (called by Gov. Matteson), said that in the early part of '57, he was in the habit of frequenting Matteson's room at the St. Nicholas. Knew that the Governor was buying State indebtedness largely; happened in his room one evening in February, saw a stranger there counting money on the bed; Gov. Matteson was counting canal checks at his desk; saw a pile of them three inches thick; turned up the corners of them and saw some of the size of $100. Did not know the name of the stranger; has never seen him since. Was before that time in Litchfield's office in New York; was there applied to to purchase some canal checks; applicant was a stranger; had never seen him before; did not know his name; has never seen him since. Bought them to the nominal amount of $1100. Did not know to whom he sold them; thinks to Governor Matteson; not sure. Was not sure that they or those seen by him in Matteson's room were the issue of May, '39, or the issue of '40. Mr. Browning showed him one of the checks specially endorsed to W. H. Brown, (one funded by Matteson), and asked him if he would have bought checks with such endorsements. He answered that he would not because they were not negotiable.

HON. B. C. COOK, (called by Gov. Matteson), a member of the committee, said that in March, 1857, he sold Matteson $1000 of canal checks of the issue of '40. Sold at par—same time, as agent for other parties, a few canal bonds.

ALEXANDER STARNE, late Secretary of State, (called by committee), knew nothing of either the trunk or box; never saw them until Friday last, when the former was found in the basement.

A letter from Gov. BISSELL was read in which he testified that when applied to by parties wishing to sell State indebtedness, he had referred them to Governor Matteson as a probable purchaser.

The reader has here the salient points of the case as far as presented. We do not see, nor is it yet indicated by his counsel, the course that Gov Matteson will pursue to relieve himself of the responsibility thrown upon him by the evidence above presented. It is understood that the receipt of the trunk and box by him at Springfield, where they were conveyed by express, is susceptible of proof. But, let no premature judgments be formed.

P. S. Further examination of the Fund Commissioner's books, shows that the amount, principal and interest, of money bonds and certificates feloniously obtained, will not fall short of $235,000! The proper officers are diving deep into the fraud, and it is feared that new and more astounding frauds will be brought to light. The end is not yet!

Sanitary Statistics of New York.

The New York *Herald*, of the 4th inst., publishes a long report of a special committee of the New York Senate on the sanitary condition of the city of New York, by which it is proved to be one of the most unhealthy cities in the world. In this respect it has changed places with London, which was once the most unhealthy of cities. Two centuries ago the mortality of London, before there was proper drainage and sewerage, amounted to one in twenty-four of the inhabitants; and in New York fifty years ago, it was one in forty-seven and a half. In 1856 the mortality of London was one in forty-five of the population; and in New York the last year it was one to twenty-seven, while in Philadelphia it was one in forty-four. Thus, while London has been gradually coming up from a heavy mortality to a fair condition of healthfulness, New York has been for the last fifty years becoming more and more unhealthy.

No city has grown into more misrepresentation abroad with respect to its sanitary character than Chicago. Our New York cotemporaries have taken the lead in representing it as a mere Malaria-generator. Our annual bills of mortality have always given the lie to these charges, but the authors of them have insisted upon their truth to this day. In 1855 the number of deaths in Chicago was 2,043. Estimating the population of the city at 130,000, which is considerably under by many, the mortality is one to sixty-three and a half of the population. Thus the ratio of mortality in London and Philadelphia is nearly fifty per cent greater than that of Chicago, while the ratio in New York is nearly one hundred and fifty per cent greater. With our system of sewerage completed Chicago will doubtless be one of the healthiest cities of the World.

ARREST OF THREE COUNTERFEITERS.

Over Three Thousand Dollars Secured.

(From the Mo. Democrat, 5th.)

Our attentive Cairo correspondent writes us that on Thursday last three men were arrested in that place for passing counterfeit money.

They gave their names as R. B. Hamm, of Paducah; James Fouche, of Cairo, and Wm. Sanders, of St. Louis.

Sanders says he is connected with the omnibus line of Wells & Co., of this city. It is said that his arrest was made on the strength of his passing a counterfeit $5 bill.

Fouche was arrested for trying to pass off a three dollar bill, and Hamm, who says he is a furniture dealer in Paducah, for having in his possession, $2970 in counterfeit money, of Ohio; Smith, Shaw and Hodges, of Illinois; Gregg and Neblack, of Indiana; Florence, Gillis, and White, of Pennsylvania; Wortendyke, of New Jersey; and Burr Taylor and Dr. Searing, of New York.

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The Great Fraud in the Fund Commissioner's Office.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 5, 1859.

The topic in all circles is the Great Fraud which has been practised upon the State through the Fund Commissioner's Office, in which Ex Governor Matteson's name figures so frequently. Public expectation is on tip-toe, and while wise and thoughtful men shake their heads with doubt, the tongues of the censorious wag in the utterance of charges grave enough to damn any man alive. In whatever light considered, this is an affair of the first importance to the State and the good name of its government; and there can seem to be no doubt that it will be thoroughly investigated. The Committee having it in charge are a good and reliable men, and appear to be anxious, without regard to party, to see its bottom. It is unfortunate that the time between this and the day of adjournment is so short; but if no more evidence comes in, a report will soon be made and the Legislature can act.

The manner in which the fraud was committed may appear inexplicable to the readers of the PRESS AND TRIBUNE; but it is capable of an easy demonstration. The Governor is *ex-officio* Fund Commissioner and employs a clerk who discharges the duties of the place. Since 1840 this Clerk has been Enoch Moore,—believed by all to be a thoroughly honest and upright—though by no means an able man. The peculiarity of his figure and the lowness of his stature will no all him to the mind of thousands who have had business at the capital within the last twenty years. He has a desk in the Executive Chamber, and to him are confided all the duties consequent upon the care of the public debt. He knows more of Illinois finances than any living man. His character for honesty and carefulness has always placed him above suspicion of fraud or even error. He has been trusted in such a way that his integrity is a thing proved. With the various forms of canal debt he is less acquainted than with our internal improvement stock and interest bonds; hence, when Gov. Matteson, while in the executive chair, handed him a bundle of canal checks and directed him to issue bonds therefor, his confidence in the Governor, and his want of recollection of the facts in regard to that kind of indebtedness, made him simply write his initials. The precedent once established, a second error was easier than the first. Error followed error until he finds that his misplaced confidence and treacherous memory have cost the State more than $235,000!

The business of "funding," is as all know simply the aggregation of small sums into sums of greater and uniform magnitude, and the issuance therefor of other evidences of indebtedness. A holder of canal or interest scrip, for instance, presents to Mr. Moore, a dozen or twenty pieces, amounting in the aggregate to a thousand dollars in one or the other form. He calculates the amount due, and, if an even thousand, issues a bond, cancels and files away his scrip, makes the proper entries in his books, and the transaction is ended. His fault in the case under discussion was in not having these checks of which he has received so many during RUSSELL's administration before the Governor for his sanction of the proposed funding. But when we remember his relation to Gov. Matteson, his entire reliance upon that gentleman's integrity, and his (Matteson's) former official action, that fault may be readily pardoned.

The attempt to stifle investigation and make a case for the courts, indicated by Matteson's letter to the chairman of the Committee, passes for naught. The digging will go on until the bottom is seen; and though the Committee may perhaps be compelled by sanction of the Senate to sit after adjournment, light must be thrown upon this tremendous fraud, no matter who is hurt thereby. It need not be said that those opposed to coercion should have been thrown upon the coast to perish. This proposition received but forty-two votes in a full House—and they were all cast by Southern men. Only four days afterwards the question is presented in a declaratory form whether open, defiant violations of the anti-African slave trade laws, involving sedition and rebellion, as well as the ultimate desolation and destruction of the South, shall be tolerated and permitted to go on and even by a non-execution of public opinion co-operating with the Executive of the nation. What is the result? Eighty-four men of the country, who desire to improve their social and physical condition by increasing the remuneration of labor.

—A challenge to skate was given by Miss —— of Salem, to Di Vernon young lady, who saucily gave out that if any of the male gender would catch her, she would forfeit a kiss. The Boston *Herald* says that an athletic negro hearing of the challenge gave chase, and soon his arm encircled her waist. Her brother, however, averted the impending smack by pressing the fellow with a $5 bill—telling him to "slide." The African started on a "bender" with the funds, remarking audibly that he "wouldn't give $5 to kiss any wite-gal libin."

—Mr. Prescott's mother once showed him to room to the Rev. Mr. Frothingham, and said to him: "This is where William was shut up for so many months in utter darkness. In all that trying season, when so much had to be endured, and our hearts were ready to fail us for fear, I never in a single instance groped my way across the apartment to take my place at his side, that he did not salute me with some hearty expression of good cheer. Not in a single instance. As if we were the patients and it was his place to comfort us." No word of complaint throughout all that dismal period, no sigh of impatience or regret. He was not content even with the perfect silence of an unspoiling will. But he must sing in their imprisonment and sight. Was this not a representative example?

—Captain Montgomery, of Kansas fame, is described as being of about medium hight, of large muscular frame, somewhat gaunt and worn in appearance. His features are good, the general expression being much like that of the ordinary representations of Col. Fremont; his unkempt hair and ragged fail beard lend a certain appearance of ferocity to his countenance, which is contradicted by the mild light of his keen blue eye and the almost feminine softness of his well modulated voice. His dress is extremely primitive, with no visible linen or other superfluity.

Movement of Colored People.

The Washington *Republic* says a petition to Congress is in circulation in the name of the free colored persons residing in the District of Columbia, praying for the establishment of a colony of their class upon some of the sparsely settled Southern portions of our own continent, where they may be under the protection of the government of their native country, and have its fostering care, &c.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Feb 5, 1859.

The Black Democracy taking Ground in Favor of the African Slave Trade—Mr. Kilgore's Resolution—Names of the North Democrats voting against the suppression of the traffic—Consequences of its removal.

There is no mistaking the drift of the Democracy—North and South—on the African slave trade. Experienced navigators, when thrown upon an unknown shore discern the direction with unerring certainty for hundreds of miles by the "trend of the coast;" or meeting a boat at sea they know upon what distant spot it will be stranded by the current which bears it resistlessly onward. Let us then trace the chart of the last voyage of

——"that accursed Barque
But in the Eclipse, and rigged with curses dark,"

the Black Democracy.

On Monday, Mr. Kilgore of Ind., offered in the House of Representatives, the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the laws prohibiting the African slave trade have become a topic of discussion with newspaper writers and political authors, many of whom boldly proclaim these laws as unwise in policy and disrespectful in their provisions; and whereas such publications tend to bring into contempt the laws and to encourage the violation of them; and whereas the people of the United States have a right to expect that all laws are to be set at defiance by individuals or associations of individuals, and that the Executive will use all the power conferred by the Constitution and laws upon the Executive Department of the Government for the purpose of securing the execution of the laws of the United States; and whereas it is the duty of the Executive to protect the people's Representatives in Congress assembled in their deliberations, and to secure them the right to pass such laws as in their judgment they may deem necessary for the public good: Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That while we recognize as right on the part of the Federal Government or any other law making power all that of the States, in relation to the African slave trade, that the Federal Government is the only power which can effectually suppress it, and that it is the duty of the Executive to bring to the speedy punishment the wicked violators thereof, and all their aiders and abettors.

The reader will not fail to observe how entirely reasonable and conservative is this proposed declaration. It was designed only to affirm the adherence of the country to the laws as they stand, affirming them to be constitutional, just, humane, and in accordance with the moral and religious sentiments of the world, and denouncing those acts in violation of them which have already occurred and are notoriously intended. Mr. Burnett, a Kentucky slave holder, objected to the consideration of them, which was natural enough because Mr. Burnett's constituents, or some portion of them, pursue the domestic slave trade as a business, and what is the difference between the two pursuits in *principle*? Mr. Burnett obviously believes there is none. Its master's bones will whiten on the soil which he has wantonly betrayed to the enemy and the ravages of war can be their only burial. Estimations, but enemies and strangers to their oppressors—and the unclosed mother will cover with her green mantle the grim sod after the first birth place. South Carolina is even now on the high road to that dreadful consummation where the blood-red prairie grass will be the only shroud over their masters. I contemplate this approaching scene with horror, and I would protect the wretched victims of this slavery mania from the calamity of their own system, if that was possible, but if not its dangers shall never appal regions not now blighted by them.

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The African Democracy and the Slave Trade and the Tariff.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 1859.

The Democracy have been cornered again on the African slave trade, and they meet the issue manfully. On Monday the whole Southern division, constituting the main body, came up in a body against Mr. Kilgore's resolution condemning the traffic and reprobating the voyages of the Wanderer. They were assisted by seventeen Northern Democrats, out of about forty voting. This shows conclusively the drift or current of the party. As soon as the South declares unmistakeably that she wants the trade re-opened, it will be made a party test, and will be unanimously supported by the Northern mercenaries. The names of the seventeen who have come up are Burns, Cox, Hall, Miller, and Walbridge, of Ohio; Smith, Shaw and Hodges, of Illinois; Gregg and Neblack, of Indiana; Florence, Gillis, and White, of Pennsylvania; Wortendyke, of New Jersey; and Burr Taylor and Dr. Searing, of New York.

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More Fighting in Kansas!

Armed Bands of Missourians in the Territory!

THE TOWN OF PAWIS BESIEGED, Etc., etc.

[Correspondence of the Missouri Democrat.]

LEAVENWORTH CITY, KAN., Jan. 31, 1859.

Marshal Bussel and his men have succeeded in again letting loose the dogs of war in Lynn and Bourbon counties. It appears that quite a force has been stationed by your august Governor all along the border. It is said they got, *cre ato pot*, $3 per day. I am not certain whether you or Uncle Sam is expected to pay for this, but as matter of the nation they concern, and the whisky they drink. It is even stated that Gov. Medary is aware that the force in question has been so stationed, and that there is some understanding on the subject between them. Be that as it may, it is very certain that the border heroes aforesaid are not very certain to which side of the border their services are to be confined. Having had nothing to do on your side, they (it is an old habit with them) have in many cases straggled over to this. Three-fourths of the posse of *Marshal* Bussel are of this kind. They are now at Paris, Lynn county, and were fortifying against an expected attack from Montgomery, who is known to be camping on a blues when he got home.

These fellows have been going about Lynn county of late pressing horses, making arrests, and have not scrupled to shoot people, or even murder them. I saw a letter from a sheriff, or something of that kind, down there, and in the letter it was stated that they were strongly posted at Paris, and could give any party "fits." The same official scribe amusingly describes a difficulty he had with a party of men, whom he "follow;" they fired at him, as they said he "was a jayhawker." He added: "The fellow has not been shot himself in the back yet, and you may set him down as a goner." This was very amiable, but not all of the truth. The "fellow" in question, I learn from dispatches from the other side, was, indeed, shot at. Not less than thirty shots were fired at him from pistols and rifles, and most of them at the distance of only a few yards; but by one of the singular circumstances that only Providence understands, only one of them wounded him seriously. It was a rifle ball which hit him in front, in the upper part of the abdomen, and went clear through his body. The wound would generally be considered a mortal one. After he received it, and had fallen, he raised himself on his elbow, and coolly discharged his gun at his assailants. In addition to the shooting, the sheriff did not mention that they had stolen his coat, hat and boots, and that in addition they kicked the body over and over several times before they left him for dead. This was merely very *official*. The returns were very incorrect, however, for a neighbor found him; he was carried to a place where he still lies, and the "Jayhawkers" had assembled for defence, and at last advices was expected to recover. Several other Jayhawkers had been shot, and it is said that they that the intention is to make good the threat of a man from Kansas City, Mo., who wrote back a letter to the effect that he would "clean out" that place, saying that they would "make the Jayhawkers swing or leave the country." I think the chances of their succeeding in all that is very doubtful. The Marshal has gone to Fort Scott, and I rather a large army on his hands applied to the County Commissioners for supplies. The County B ard ordered the issuance of the particular necessity for a Missouri army in Kansas, refused, whereat the *Marshal* and his army have gone to "preserve the peace" themselves to flour, bacon, corn, arms, horses, &c., from the settlers. They have got several from Lynn county, and the Sheriff, in a letter of their s, named Corbin, it is asserted, is a quiet, inoffensive person, and there can be no legal charge against him, even if the present irregular mode of operating were proper. Corbin was the first prisoner they took. His release was demanded, but instead of complying, the posse and Marshal have gone to fortifying their positions. It is distinctly stated that only nineteen men of Bussell's posse belong to the Territory. Some of them are the very lowest Missouri men of '56," who were compelled to leave for their crimes at that time. The Marshal has made great efforts to get the citizens to help him. Finally he threatened to put any man in irons who would not rally to his standard, and enlisted out at $3 per day. Every man for that purpose. He was met by a small party of men, ten in number, who retreated to a creek, with their dispositions unmistakeably that she wants the trade re-opened, it will be made a party test, and will be unanimously supported by the Northern mercenaries. The names of the seventeen who have come up are Burns, Cox, Hall, Miller, and Walbridge, of Ohio; Smith, Shaw and Hodges, of Illinois; Gregg and Neblack, of Indiana; Florence, Gillis, and White, of Pennsylvania; Wortendyke, of New Jersey; and Burr Taylor and Dr. Searing, of New York.

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LATER FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Steamship Asia.

BOSTON, Feb. 7.—The Royal Mail Steamship Asia, from Liverpool Jan. 26th, has passed this point on her way to New York.

The steamship Fulton arrived out on the 28th.

The political horizon was quiescent.

There was less confidence in peace, and a partial revival of the panic on the Paris Bourse.

The death of the King of Naples was reported but not confirmed and was discredited.

The Austrian loan of £6,000,000 is announced for the London money market.

Warlike rumors continued, notwithstanding peace assurances.

The latest Continental correspondence says confidence of the maintenance of peace was leading ground, and warlike preparations continue in France.

It is rumored, but not believed, that Persigny would soon succeed Walewski in the French foreign Ministry.

There had been a partial recurrence of the panic on the Paris Bourse; 3 per cents closed last at 68 95. London exchange responded to the fall, but not to the same extent.

It is reported that an offensive and defensive alliance was concluded between France and Sardinia.

The British Government had resolved to take sufficient measures to protect English interests in Mexico.

The London *Times* in an editorial denounces Nugent's manifesto to Americans in British Colonies.

The King of Naples is reported to be very ill.

The London *Post* of the 31st announced his death, but it was not confirmed, and on the following day regretted its error.

It is denied that Prince Napoleon was received with enthusiasm in Turin. His marriage is said to be unpopular there.

Quiet prevailed in Lombardy.

The Swiss National Council voted half a million to immediately convert all their guns into the percussion principle.

The U. S. frigate Macedonian was at Alexandria, Jan. 8th.

The widow of the poet Wordsworth died on the 17th Jan.

Mr. Spurgeon is coming to America, but the alleged contract for £10,000 with Trans-Atlantic Churches, is untrue, he having declined the offer.

The Paris *Debats* thinks there are excellent reasons for trusting in the preservation of a general peace.

Steam engines at Vincennes are still making rifled cannon.

The *Patrie* had an article to the effect that the avoidance of war was not to be considered altogether certain. This, with false reports of insurrections at Milan and Venice, and a collision between Austrian and Sardinian troops, caused a re-action on the Bourse and a decline of 1 per cent. On the following day the market was more steady, closing at a fractional improvement. On the 23d the market opened firm and animated, but subsequently declined, and closed flat.

The alleged abolition of visas for passports seems to have been an exaggeration of the new rule making modification in the existing arrangements.

The expedition against the insurgents in Algeria was successful, the tribes having made complete submission to the French.

The question at Rome will shortly be reinforced by two regiments of the line.

At Turin, the belief in the coming war was decidedly increasing. Letters from reliable authority at Milan say there was not the least chance of an insurrection.

It is stated that the sending of troops from Austria had been suspended.

The following news was taken by the Kangaroo:

Another peaceful article in the *Constitutionnel* says Austria had issued a conciliatory note on the Servian question, which calmed the public mind. Notwithstanding the pacific turn of events, warlike contradictory rumors were circulating. Warsteamers and transports were preparing for sea in France.

The *Monitour* announces the entire abolition of visas of passports.

The British minister for Washington is to be instructed to urge the opening of the American coasting trade for British vessels in return for like concession by Britain.

It is reported that Parliament will be asked for a considerable increase of the naval establishment.

Accounts from Lombardy still speak of disaffection, and daily outbreaks.

Austrian reinforcements were still going in.

An amnesty to political prisoners has been modified to require their banishment to America.

The editor provides that all persons taking part in any flagrant attempt against the safety of the States be immediately tried by a Council of War.

A telegram from Bomber of Dec. 24th. *News* says:

The subjugation of the disturbed districts was rapidly progressing. Ismael Kahn, the rebel chief, had surrendered. The details of the Chinese affair of short supplies and an abundance of teas. The leading journals of Germany were exceedingly severe in their attacks on the French Government, and urged the necessity of perfect reconciliation between Prussia, Austria and the German States.

Popular demonstrations of sympathy and loyalty greeted the Emperor of Austria whenever he appeared in public.

Prince Hatzfeldt, the Prussian minister died at Berlin on the 24th.

Bombay mails of December 24th reached England January 20th.

Nana Sahib fled to the jungle.

LATER.—*London, Saturday.*—The *Times'* city article quotes the Funds heavy and inanimated, and after the regular hours experiences a further fall, owing to the attempts about the Austrian loan and the contemplated augmentation of the army and navy.

The contract for the purchase of the Great Eastern was concluded yesterday. £300,000 loan has been subscribed, which is thought enough to purchase and complete the ship, and provide a working capital.

The *Daily News* says: Prussia has signified to France that she would look not with indifference, but with great anxiety, on any unprovoked attack upon Austria by France.

Another Democratic Tariff Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Tariff Democratic Caucus met this evening. John Cochrane was chosen Chairman, and Messrs. Cavanaugh and Ruffin Secretaries. The largest number present at any one time was fifty, of whom four were from New York, six from Ohio, one from Illinois, and several others also from the North.

Garnett, from the committee of five, authorized at the last meeting, reported a resolution that means ought to be provided for the payment of the treasury notes now maturing, and that the demands of the treasury should be met by the reduction of the expenses of Government. Mr. Garnett made a speech in support of the resolution, and was followed on that side by Valladaghigan, Crawford, Stephens and Smith of Va.

The debate was also indulged in by Cavanaugh, Phelps, Sickles, Taylor, and Groesbeck. They did not go to the full extent of those who denounced them, but admitted the necessity of economy.

Several propositions looking to the reduction of the expenditures of all branches of the public service were then submitted, but without taking a vote upon them the caucus adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Senator Green, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, this morning reported back the House bill to provide for the transportation of the mails between the United States and California, and moved its immediate consideration.

Mr. Crittenden's report at the last evening's session of the Democratic caucus last night favored the question of the expediency of lithographing, engraving, binding of public documents, the public printing, cutting off the *Congressional Globe*, reducing the expenses of the branch mints, coast survey, etc., reducing the army estimates several millions, and says you can save millions in the printing and binding of public documents, the public printing, cutting off the *Congressional Globe*, reducing the expenses of the branch mints, coast survey, etc., reducing the army estimates several millions, and says you can save millions; the printing, binding of public documents, the reduction of the work on public buildings to the appropriating $35,000 for the improvement of the harbor of Chicago. Disagreed to by 101 against 70—not two-thirds.

The House under a suspension of the rules, passed the Senate joint resolution for the payment of the balance of $70,000 to Georgia, on account of military services against the Cherokees, Creeks, and Seminoles; also the Senate bill to pay Maine nearly $6,000 for expenses incurred in organizing a regiment of volunteers for the Mexican war; also the Senate bill authorizing the Attorney-General to represent the United States in the proceedings in Equity, pending in the Supreme Courts, between Connecticut and Rhode Island, relative to the boundary line.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the General Appropriation. Various small items were acted on, and the question of retrenchment discussed by Grow, Davis, of Ind., and others, when without coming to any conclusion, the Committee rose. Recess till evening.

Fire in Boston.

BOSTON, Feb. 5.—At about three o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the upper portion of Russell's Mechanical Bakery, corner of Battery and Commercial streets, which was totally destroyed. The building was of brick, with granite fronts, extending 64 feet on Commercial and 121 on Battery and Salutation streets, and containing two of Jordan's automatic steam kneading machines, &c., and 22,000 bbls of flour on storage.

The bakery had gone into operation on Thursday, when 15,000 loaves of bread were baked and delivered.

The falling walls partially destroyed two or three adjoining wooden tenements.

Daniel Hazlewood, fireman, was killed by the falling of one of the side walls. Capt. Wilson, of the steam fire engine Eclipse, was seriously injured internally, and several others were more or less injured. One man is missing and is supposed to be under the ruins.

The total loss of property is estimated at $200,000, on which there is no insurance.

Mr. Russell will immediately construct a fire proof building and thus carry out his intention of establishing a Mechanical Bakery in Boston.

The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary.

A Woman Convicted of Murder.

ALBANY, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Mary Hartung, who has been on trial here during the past week for the murder of her husband, Emil Hartung, was this morning found guilty of murder. The trial has excited much interest, and the jury have been out since Saturday afternoon. The prisoner is quite young and handsome, and her case has created the greatest sympathy.

Fire at Grand Rapids.

DETROIT, Feb. 7.—A fire at Grand Rapids early this morning destroyed seven buildings including the Rachus block. Loss on merchandize and buildings $70,000. Partially insured.

Important Stealing Case.

MORRISTOWN, Ala., Feb. 7.—The preliminary examination of Mr. Harvey, agent for the Adams Express Co., is progressing. Able counsel are engaged on both sides.

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Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.

The following is the New York bank statement for the week ending Feb. 7th:

Decrease in specie.....$1,000,000
Decrease in loans.....1,000,000
Decrease in circulation.....$2,141,000

ARRIVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA OVERLAND MAIL.

Important News from Fraser River, Oregon, Utah, California and Australia.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.—The Overland Mail, with dates to the 19th ult., had arrived.

The steamship Cortez had arrived from the Northern mines, bringing only $150,000 in Fraser River gold. The River was open, and the weather was mild that mining operations were being resumed.

A Mr. Dows was shot dead at Ft. Yale on the 24th, by one Foster.

Mr. Somerville was found murdered in Washington Co., Oregon.

A series of gales at Victoria had damaged the shipping in the harbor.

It is learned that three men had attacked the Indian rancho in Eden Valley, containing forty squaws and fifteen men, and killed fourteen of the latter. Several whites who had since gone out to the mountains are missing, supposed to have been killed by the Indians in retaliation. More than 100 Indians have been killed by the whites there within three months past.

The Indians in Carson Valley were also suffering. Maj. Dodge has returned from Pyramid Lake. Reports deep snow and great suffering among the Indians, many of whom, in appreciation of him as their great deliverer from their starving and destitute condition, were seen to shed tears. The pine nuts, which have been the dependence of hundreds, failed again this year. The Indians of his agency were all peaceable. All they ask for is something to eat. He has provided over 4,000 Indians with food and clothes.

At Sankee Jim's Bar, ten highwaymen stopped a stage coach and robbed it of $3,000 belonging to Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express.

Over 800 people had returned to San Francisco from the Gila Mines.

The California State Treasurer reports the sum of $707,000 in the Treasury.

The orange, the almond and the grape are being cultivated with some success at Los Angeles.

The President's Message was received in Oregon on January 3d, and was not well received, as his recommendation relative to Kansas looked unfavorable to the prospects of Oregon for admission.

In Calaveras county, Cal., some murders had occurred among the Chinese. They are divided into two parties, and further trouble was apprehended.

Accidents and suicides were plentiful in the mining districts.

The notorious Ned McGowen and a party of desperadoes were acting lawlessly in British Columbia. Gov. Douglas offered rewards to prosecute them.

An arrival at San Francisco from Australia says that gold had been discovered on Fitzgeroy River, the mouth of which in 1200 miles northward from Sydney. The excitement is intense and the result of immigration tremendous from Sidney, Melbourne and the larger cities.

ABORTIONAL.—Major Dodge, who has just returned from Pyramid Lake, reports that the weather is intensely cold, and that there is great suffering among the Indians for want of food and clothing.

Fifteen Indians, who had stolen some horses, were killed by a party of whites in Eden Valley.

Major Johnson, with a detachment of 6th infantry, was to repair to that country to look after the Indians.

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Terrible Loss of Life at a Fire in Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, 7th.—A fire in Fulton Avenue, Brooklyn, on Sunday morning, caused the loss of several lives. The lower floor of the building was occupied as a confectionery shop, and the upper stories by Mr. Edward Gill's family, consisting of himself, wife, two daughters and two servant girls, Hannah and Kate Keegan (sisters), Thos. Gill (his brother), and Otto Graves, a boarder.

The fire was first discovered at 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, and when the firemen arrived, the third story was in flames. At that time Hannah Keegan was hanging from a window of the upper story, and Thomas Gill letting himself down from a window of the third family, perished in the burnt into the face of the woman, and she fell to the ground. The rope to which Mr. Gill was hanging broke, and he also fell. Mr. Gill was seen at a window in the third story, in an imploring attitude, and she soon fell back and was seen no more alive.

After the fire was suppressed, the bodies of Mr. Gill and her two children, and Ann Keegan, were found lying on the floor of Mrs. Gill's chamber—all dead.

Mrs. Gill was 27 years old, her daughters respectively 7 and 6, and Ann Keegan 17.

Thomas Gill is dangerously injured; Honora Keegan, it is thought, fatally; and Otto Graves, slightly. Edward Gill was absent.

Later from Hayti—Republican Successes.

HAVANA HOUR, March 2, Feb. 7.—The schooner Morey, which arrived here last night, brings Port au Prince dates to January 16th. The revolution had extended to nearly all parts of the Empire. At St. Marc some severe fighting had taken place both on land and at sea, with considerable loss of life.

Soulouque had been compelled to retire.

A severe engagement had taken place off St. Marc, six vessels participating. The Admiral's vessel was badly damaged, and the whole fleet was up for Port au Prince.

At this latter place were joining Geffrard from all parts. It was believed that Soulouque would be able to force his way into Port au Prince, the city being surrounded by Republicans. Soulouque's office had all been looted and sold at auction. A Danish brig had been captured by him to load, but it was thought it would not be allowed to escape at Port au Prince. When the schooner Morey left, the city was under arms, and no man was allowed to pass out.

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COMMERCIAL.

Commercial and Money Matters.

SUNDAY EVENING, Feb. 7.

Exchange is decidedly slower than it was a few days ago. Rates, however, are unchanged. We quote at 1¼@1½ to customers. For collections and to outsiders the rates are firm at the higher figures. There is very little first class business paper offering. The scarcity will doubtless continue for several weeks. A supply cannot be looked for much before the opening of navigation. Discounts as usual 10 per cent. Wholesale eastern thirty day bills offer are freely taken at par to half per cent discount. Gold 1¼@1½, with few sales. The street brokers are doing very little at nominal figures ranging from 1@2 per cent. per month.

COMMERCIAL.—The Breadstuffs markets this morning were generally buoyant, and an advance was gained in Wheat, Flour and Corn, in consequence of the *Asia's* news being expected, transactions were very limited.

The light receipts of Wheat encouraged holders to additional firmness, and buyers had to advance their views 1@2c on Winter and 2@4c on Spring in order to secure the few lots offered. About 10,000 bushels changed hands at $1.25 for No. 1 Red; $1.10 for No. 2 Red; 98@99c for Standard Spring, and 80@81c for new No. 2—all in store.

The Flour market advanced 10@15c, under an active demand for both Spring and Winter grades. About 1,500 bbls changed hands at $6.95@8.10 for White Wintar's; and $5.12½@6.25 for choice to Spring Extras. At the close there were very few lots offering.

There was a more active demand for Corn today, and after the opening, prices advanced 1½c—sales being made at a range of 35½@35c per 56 lbs. on track. There is considerable Spring being on concerning round lots for future delivery; but the only sale reported is 5,000 bushels for delivery in the first week in May on private terms.

Oats are very firm. Barley easier. Highwines nominal at 24@25c—Holders all asking 25c, with however no sales at that figure.

The Provision market remains inactive. A sale of 120 bbls Lard was made to-day at 11¼c. Dressed Hogs firm at $6.25@7.00.

At Milwaukee on Saturday last Wheat was dull, and Extra declined 2c. Dressed Hogs, $4.35@4.75. Receipts:—Flour, 339; Wheat, 17,261 bu; Oats, 1,207; Corn, 776 bu; Barley, 320 bu; Hogs, 46.

The Bellerville (Ill.) *Advocate* of the 3d says: At Hinckley's Mill near 15,000 bushels of wheat were bought last week, at an average price of $1 per bushel. One day during the week he received over 3,000 bushels. We could not learn the amount taken in by other mills in other mills in this city, but judge there have been less than $50,000 paid to our farmers last week for wheat alone. What should prevent easier times in the money market.

The Rochester *Union* says that Buffalo agents have been in the towns up the Genesee Valley on the railroads, purchasing corn, oats and every thing for that city. There is probably half a million of bushels of wheat in the elevators at Buffalo, but other grains are short, and consumers, who have hitherto relied upon deposits made there from the West, in the fall, are compelled to go Eastward into the interior for supplies.

The Buffalo *Commercial* says of the Hop trade:

An advance of from 30 to 40 per cent. has been established in the price of hops within the past week or so, with a more active business doing in the new crop for consumption, 150 bales of which were sold in New York on Friday last at 12@18c for 1st sorts to prime, and 9@11c for 2d sorts. Old meet with moderate speculative demand, and prices are firm, with sales of 100 bales at 5@6c, as to quality.

Dressed Hogs sold at Albany on the 4th inst. at 8@8¾c.

At Philadelphia on the 3d, Clover Seed sold at $7, and Timothy at $2 13½.

The New York *Herald* of Wednesday says that the duties that will be paid into the Custom House during the present week will amount to nearly, if not quite, two millions of dollars, and those of next week will not vary far from the same sum. This revenue is from goods already arrived, or known to be on their way. It is stated by many of the most intelligent jobbers, that the orders which have been sent out for goods exceed anything that has been done in former years, and that the revenue during the present month of February must exceed that of any previous month. The hotels are crowded with people, and the spring trade is opening with a spirit that encourages every one.

RECEIPTS OF FLOUR AND GRAIN AT BOSTON IN 1858.

By the Corn Exchange record it appears that the receipts of flour and grain by Boston dealers during the month of January of the present year and in 1858 were as follows:

	1858.	1859.
Flour, bbls	18,930	16,000
Corn, bu	44,981	72,711
Meal, bbls	116,000	118,000
Oats, "	417	345,675
Rye, "	56,000	2,000
Barley, "	1,000	20,000
Flour, bbls	1,000	20,000
Corn Meal, bbls	345	1,000
" bu	613	

Chicago Daily Wholesale Market.

MONDAY EVENING, Feb. 6.

BREADSTUFFS—Unchanged.

FLOUR—More active, and prices advanced 10@15c. Sales to-day were:—630 bbls "Meadota, City" fresh ground at $5.40; 180 bbls "Granite" at $5.15@; 50 bbls "Pacific" at $5.40; 100 bbls "Morris" do at $5.35; 200 bbls Ill. White Winter at $5.25; 250 bbls Wis. do at $5.30; 300 bbls "Quincy" do on private terms.

WHEAT—Wintar—Market very firm. Sales to-day were:—1,000 bus Spring at 81.81 in store; 300 bu do at $1.34 on track; 3,500 bu No. 2 Red at $1.20 in store. Receipts—Advanced 9@15. Sales were:—2,000 bu. Receipts—Advanced 9@15. Sales were:—2,000 bu. Receipts—Advanced 9@15. Sales were:—2,000 bu